Thermal Aware Scheduling on FPGAs

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Ideal Case vs Actual Case

Ideally

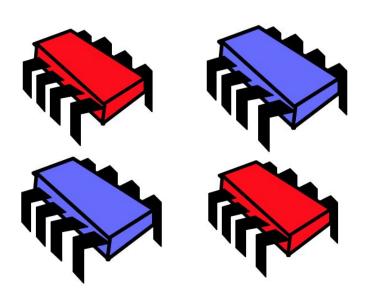
Actually



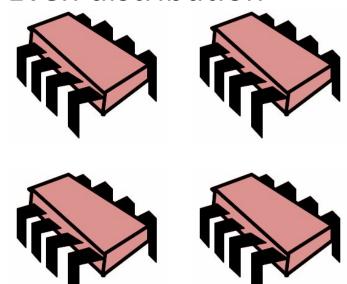


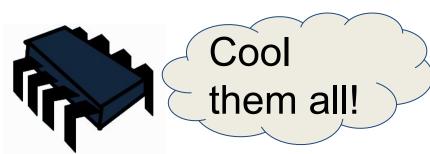
Our Work on FPGAs

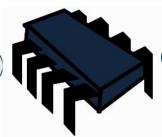
Uneven distribution



Even distribution





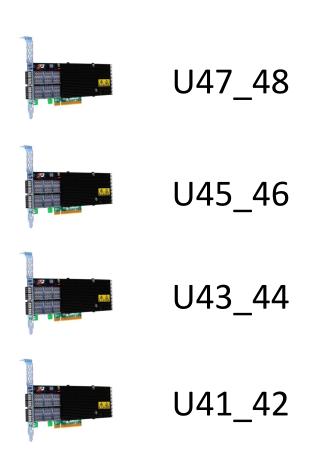


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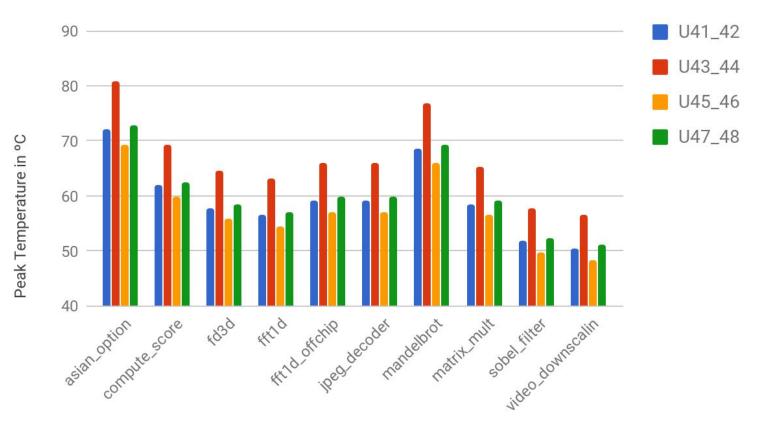
Chameleon Infrastructure

- 2U servers
- Nallatech 385A with Arria 10 chip
- Intel FPGA
 examples (written
 in OpenCL)
- Located vertically on the same rack
- Positioning numbers start at the bottom



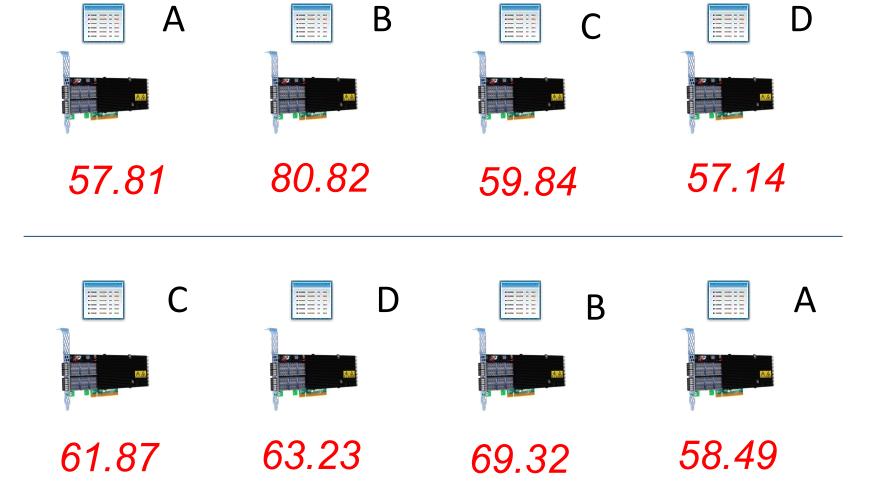
Thermal Variation in HPC

Peak temperature variation across FPGA boards

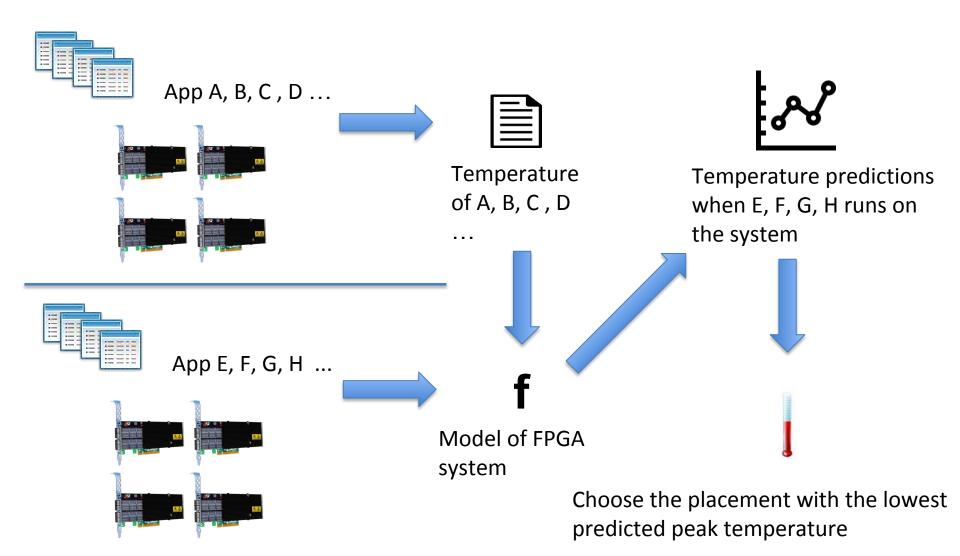


Benchmark

A Quick Example

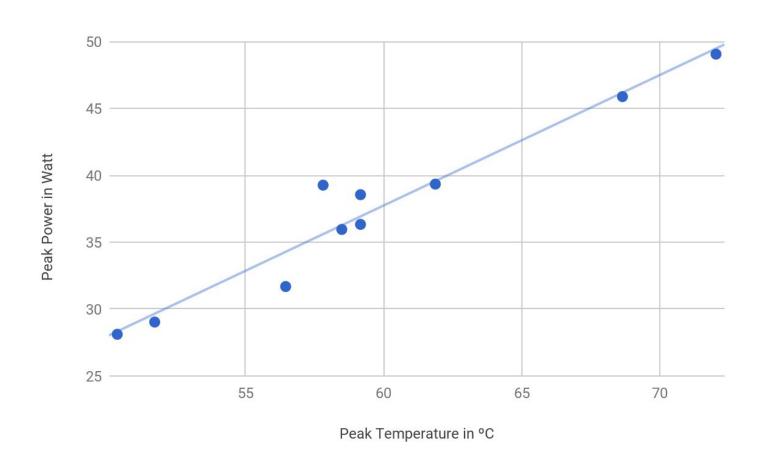


Bird's Eye View



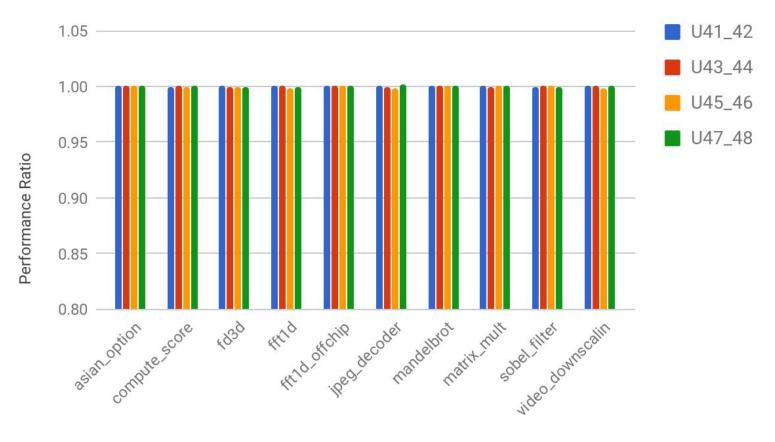
Leakage Power and Temperature

Peak temperature and peak power relation



Consistent Performance

Normalized FPGA performance across machines



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Machine Learning Model

Learner

Linear Regression

Neural Network

Nearest Neighbor

Random Forest

Label

Peak Temperature

Feature

Logic Utilization

RAM Blocks

Frequency

DSP Blocks

Memory Bits

I/O Pins

The Training Sample

- 210 combinations, select 4 tasks from 10 tasks
- 24 placements, place 4 tasks on 4 machines.
 One placement is one sample

5040 samples, in total

- 12 features, each task has 3 features
- 1 label, each placements has 1 peak temperature
- 12 features and 1 label, each sample

Prediction Model

Task Dependent Model

Split the samples into 2 sets, one for training(80%), the other one for testing(20%)

Task Independent Model

Build the model with 6 tasks and use the remaining 4 to test it

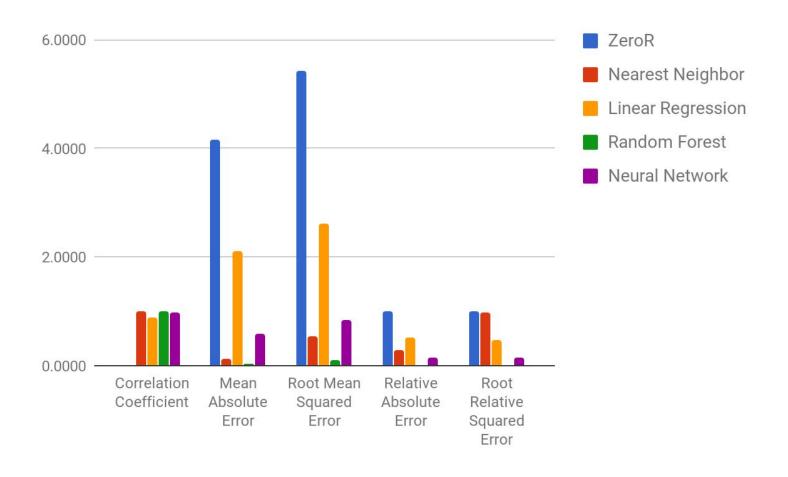
The result will come in Experiment section

Scheduling Methodology

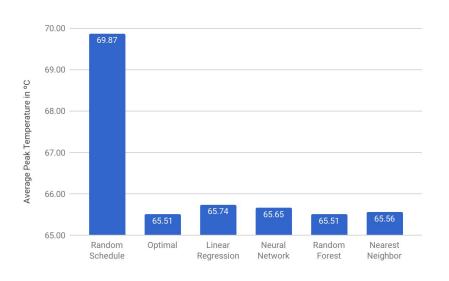
- Take the task dependent model as example
- Build a prediction model with 4056 training samples (80%)
- When a task combination comes (from the remaining samples), enumerate 24 placements
- Make prediction for each placements
- Choose the lowest predicted peak temperature

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Prediction Statistics

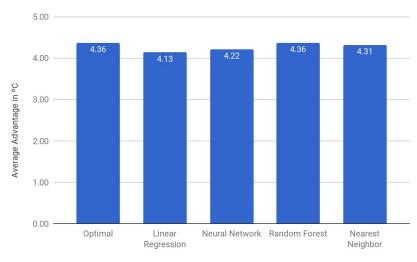


Scheduler Performance



The average peak temperature of the system when we use the schedulers

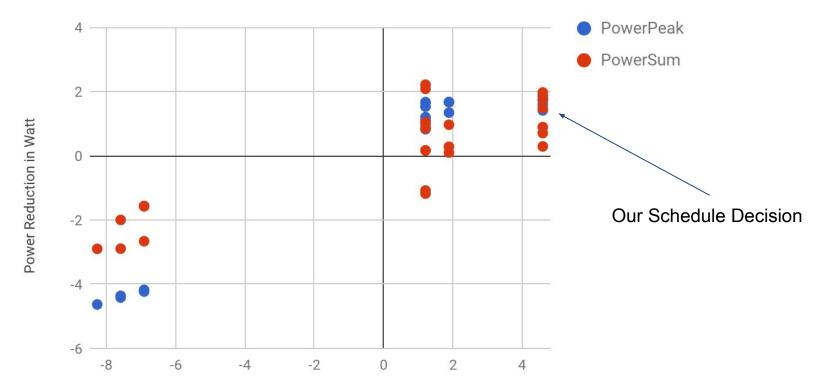
The advantage we expect to get from our schedulers



Power Reduction

Peak Temperature Reduction: 4.60 °C

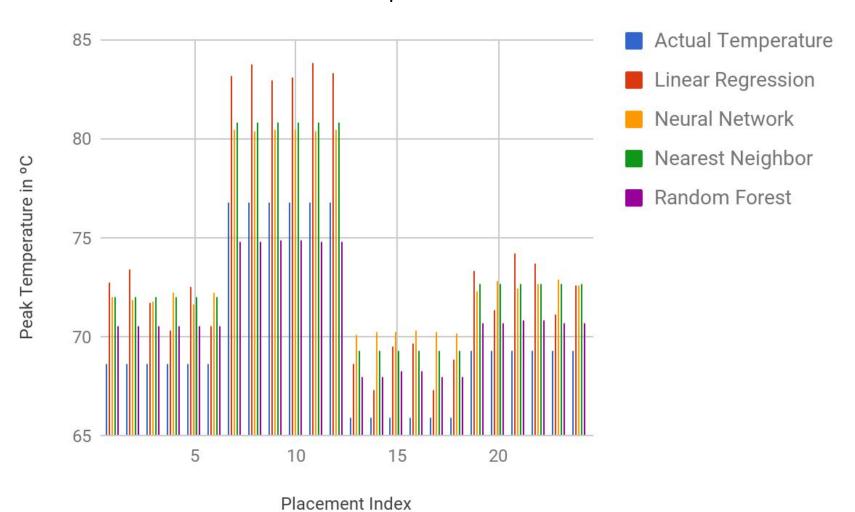
Peak Power Reduction: 1.77 W
Power Sum Reduction: 1.97 W



Peak Temperature Reduction in °C

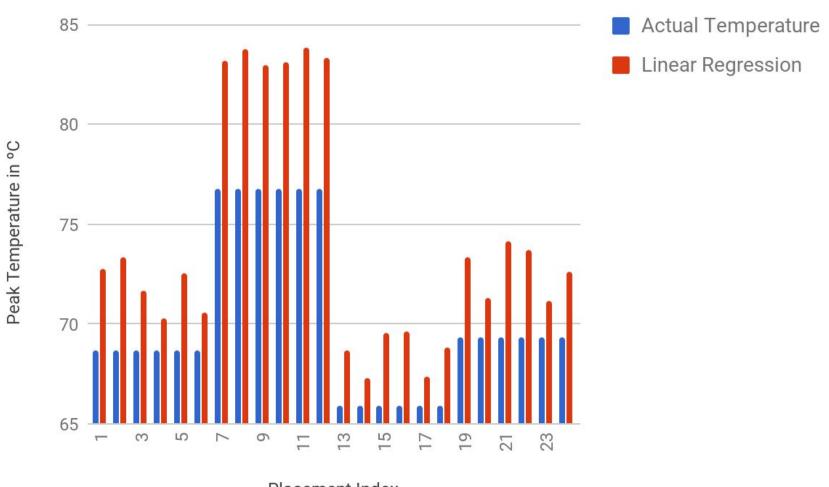
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A Closer Look, Linear Regression

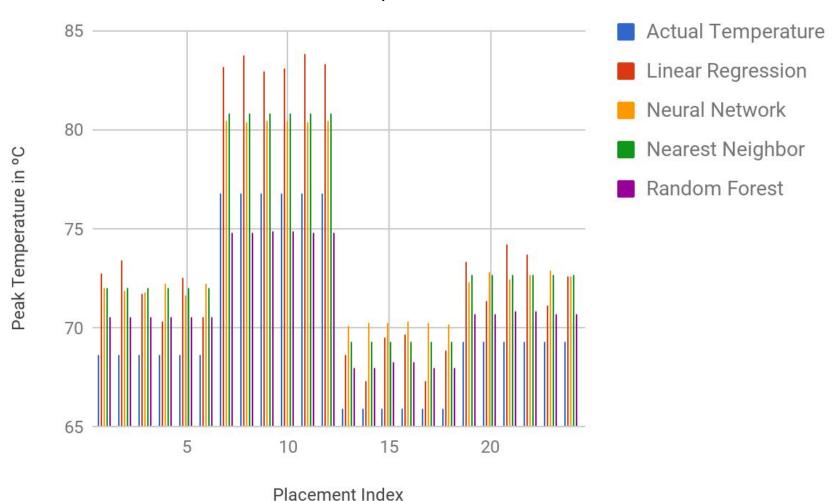
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Conclusion

- Up to 11.50°C peak temperature variation across machines for the same benchmark
- First study in this area to our best knowledge
- 4.36°C peak temperature reduction on average
- Build machine learning models and develop schedule methodology to explore potential improvement